

# Wisconsin Update

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# Wisconsin Overview

- Re-issued the WI ballast water general permit April, 2015
- IMO – *pending approved treatment systems*
  - New Oceangoing vessels Dec. 1, 2013
  - Existing Oceangoing vessels: 1<sup>st</sup> dry dock after Jan. 1, 2016
  - Lakers 1<sup>st</sup> dry dock after March 30, 2018 \*\* *currently pending contested case hearing*

# Wisconsin Overview

- VGP Water Quality Certification
  - WI permit and Inspections
  - Keep BWE and saltwater flushing
  - Biocide limits (chlorine 38 ug/L)
  - Chloride limit (1514 mg/L)
  - Lake Michigan NDZ graywater or blackwater
  - No Discharge High Risk Ballast Water
  - Emergency Ballast Water Treatment

# Wisconsin Inspections

- 2 inspectors
- Over 300 inspections since 2011
- Average 65 per year *without vacancies*
  - *Ballast water plan and log review*
  - *Wisconsin permit review*
  - *I & E on AIS and ballast water BMPs*
  - *Test seawater if needed*

# Wisconsin – Looking Ahead

- Work with shipping industry and other regulatory agencies
  - Better defining “High Risk” ballast water source waters on a Great Lakes Regional level
  - Chloride/Seawater discharge BMPs
  - Updating BMPs for port and species specific AIS to reduce spread throughout Great Lakes
  - Continue to support regulations that are protective of Wisconsin’s unique resources, recreation, fisheries, tourism, and economy
  - Treatment systems!